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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (YEREVAN 39)

REF: YEREVAN 39

¶1. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidates nominated to attend the training by the Ministry of Defense.

¶2. (SBU) The Department of State has vetted the individuals listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 02/25/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individuals in USG-funded training:

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Lt Arsen Arzumanyan
TITLE: Infantry Platoon Commander,
ORGANIZATION: MoD,
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 12 Apr 1983, Republic of Armenia;
SEX: Male;
NATIONALITY: Armenian;
TYPE OF TRAINING: ENGLISH LANGUAGE CRSE; INTERNATIONAL OFF
PREPARAT;
MANEUVER CAPTAINS CAREER;
DATES OF TRAINING: 14 Jul 10 - 26 May 11.

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Captain Artur Arakelyan
TITLE: Senior Assistant of the Minister of Defense,
ORGANIZATION: MoD
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 08 June 1979, Republic of Armenia;
SEX: Male;
NATIONALITY: Armenian;
TYPE OF TRAINING: DEF RES MGT CRS
DATES OF TRAINING: 22 May 10 - 18 June 10

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Mr Never Khachaturyan
TITLE: English Language Instructor,
ORGANIZATION: MoD,
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 18 Nov 1982, Republic of Armenia;
SEX: Male;
NATIONALITY: Armenian;
TYPE OF TRAINING: LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR/BASIC
DATES OF TRAINING: 12 May 10 - 19 Nov 10.

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Captain Karen Baghiyan
TITLE: Deputy Chief of Exercises and Training Desk,
ORGANIZATION: Peacekeeping Brigade,
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 21 Apr 1981, Republic of Azerbaijan;
SEX: Male;
NATIONALITY: Armenian;
TYPE OF TRAINING: ENGLISH LANGUAGE CRSE; INTERNATIONAL OFF
PREPARAT;
MANEUVER CAPTAINS CAREER;
DATES OF TRAINING: 19 May 10 - 07 Apr 11.

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Major Armen Zakaryan
TITLE: Deputy Chief of International Military Cooperation
Desk of
Defense Policy Department,
ORGANIZATION: MoD,
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 23 Feb 1975, Republic of Armenia;

SEX: Male;
NATIONALITY: Armenian;
TYPE OF TRAINING: ENGLISH LANGUAGE CRSE; JUDGE ADVOCATE
OFFICER GRA
DATES OF TRAINING: 03 Mar 10 - 19 May 11.

NAME OF CANDIDATE: Major Grigor Tonabekyan
TITLE: Deputy Chief of Analytic Desk of Intelligence
Department of
the Head Staff of Armed Forces of RA
ORGANIZATION: MoD,
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 16 Feb 1973, Republic of Armenia;
SEX: Male;
NATIONALITY: Armenian;
TYPE OF TRAINING: SPEC/OPS COMBTNG TERRORISM
DATES OF TRAINING: 21 Aug 10 - 03 Sep 10

¶3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of 02/25/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (SBU) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance.
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